

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 558

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A RESOLUTION to recognize the National Cattlemen's Beef Association Annual Convention and Trade Show.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should welcome those national organizations that travel to the Volunteer State to hold their annual conventions; and

WHEREAS, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association is one such organization that will be holding its Annual Convention and Trade Show at the Opryland Gaylord Convention Center, February 1-4, 2012; and

WHEREAS, agriculture is a \$3 billion per year industry in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, beef cattle production is the largest sector of the agriculture industry in the State with sales over \$500 million annually; and

WHEREAS, there are 79,000 farms and over 42,000 families that raise beef cattle in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, beef cattle are raised in every county in the State, and 99 percent of those beef cattle farms are family-owned and operated; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is ninth in the nation in number of beef cattle and has more beef cattle per square mile than any other state; and

WHEREAS, believing deeply in the value of agriculture and livestock, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations, acknowledge this singular organization, and welcome it to Nashville; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby welcome the National Cattlemen's Beef Association Annual

Convention and Trade Show to the great State of Tennessee, honor and commend this outstanding organization for its unending contributions to agriculture, and extend to its members our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.